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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

1. IN PAST FEW DAYS TWO LOCAL AMBASSADORS, FRENCH AND EGYPTIAN, HAVE SEPARATELY ASKED AMB HUMMEL IF USG SEES ANY SIGN OF PLO EXTREMIST INFLUENCE IN PLF KIDNAPPING OF KAGNEW AMERICANS. AMB REPLIED TO BOTH THAT USG HAS NOT MADE THAT CONNECTION, AND ASKED IF INTERLOCUTOR HAD ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE SUPPOSITION. NEITHER HAD ANY EVIDENCE TO OFFER BEYOND WIDELY KNOWN PAST (AND PRESUMABLY CONTINUING) PLO SUPPORT OF ELF/PLF IN FIELDS OF COMMUNICATIONS, MATERIEL, AND SOME TRAINING.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE NOT RPT NOT STIMULATED THESE SPECULATIONS, AND WE ARE AVOIDING DISCUSSION OF ALL ASPECTS OF KAGNEW KIDNAPPINGS. NEVERTHELESS, THIRD COUNTRY DIPLOMATS ARE INDEPENDENTLY DEDUCING POSSIBLE PLO STIMULUS TO PLF IN KAGNEW KIDNAPPING AND WE MAY HEAR MORE ON THIS SUBJECT, HERE AND IN OTHER CAPITALS.

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